

May 1, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 9, 2001 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
May 9, 2001**

	<b><u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of April 11, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve April 11, 2001 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	3. For information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. For information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

*6. <u>Regional Aviation System Plan Update Consultant Recommendation</u>  In September 2000, the MAG Regional Council approved the selection of GRW Willis to undertake an update of the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan for \$312,925. In March 2001 MAG and GRW Willis mutually agreed to terminate the contract. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications for a replacement contractor to finish the project and received two Statements of	6. Recommend that MAG negotiate a contract with Wilbur Smith and Associates to complete the Regional Aviation System Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$265,209.
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Qualifications. A multijurisdictional review group evaluated the statements of qualifications and the consensus was that MAG negotiate a contract with Wilbur Smith for an amount not to exceed \$265,209. On April 30, 2001, the MAG RASP Policy Committee concurred with the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*7. Consultant Selection for MAG Freeway Bottleneck Study

The FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a \$300,000 project to improve traffic flow at bottlenecks on the MAG freeway system. A Request for Proposals was advertised and two proposals were received in response. A multi-jurisdictional evaluation group reviewed the proposals and interviewed the two firms. The consensus was to select Olsson Associates to conduct the study in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. At their April 24, 2001 meeting, the Transportation Review Committee recommended Olsson Associates to conduct the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Finalization of the 1999 MAG External Travel Study

MAG has completed a regional External Travel Study. This study was conducted in partnership with Maricopa County. The study consultant interviewed 7,000 persons and collected traffic counts at 17 locations on the perimeter of the MAG transportation modeling area. This data was used to quantify the amount of travel that crosses the MAG area and the amount of travel from the MAG area to other parts of the state or country. This information is being used to support the MAG modeling and planning activities. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On April 24, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee recommended amendments for transit projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP. The purpose of the amendments is for the advance purchase of 16 expansion and nine

7. Recommend that Olsson Associates be selected to conduct the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

8. For information and discussion.

9. Recommend approving the amendments to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the transit projects and the projects requested by ADOT as described in the tables in the Transmittal Summary.

replacement buses for the City of Phoenix, and to add park-and-ride projects for FY 2001. Local funds are being used to advance projects for Gilbert and Phoenix. Design for a park-and-ride in Mesa is being deferred. Since the TRC meeting, ADOT has submitted a request to add three federally funded projects and four locally funded projects to FY 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*10. Consultation for Project Level Conformity Determination on the Proposed Town of Gilbert Park-and-Ride Facility

The Town of Gilbert has requested concurrence for the project-level conformity determination prepared for the Gilbert Park-and-Ride Facility. The Park-and-Ride is proposed for the Southwest corner of Page Avenue and Ash Street, directly off of Gilbert Road. The project is in the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal year 2003. As a project characterized as a "bus terminal and transfer point," this project was exempt from the regional emissions analyses according to the federal conformity guidelines. The project-level report is being prepared by the Regional Public Transportation Authority and when received, the Interagency Consultation Memorandum will be sent in a separate mailing.

\*11. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the FY 2001 Interim Closeout

The interim closeout of the FY 2001 federally funded program requires an administrative adjustment for 20 projects and an amendment to add five new projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. These projects do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by May 18, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For consultation.

11. For consultation.

\*12. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested an administrative adjustment to 9 transit and park-and-ride projects to the FY 2001 - 2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to add three new right of way and ramp meter projects. The proposed 9 minor project revisions do not require a conformity determination. The proposed three new projects are exempt and do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by May 18, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For consultation.

#### GENERAL ITEM

\*13. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the HUD Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services. Last year, the region received \$18.6 million. A Continuum of Care Steering Committee was formed and chaired by former Chief Justice Frank Gordon. MAG received 26 applications from nonprofit organizations in the Valley on April 9, 2001. A ranking and review process, administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way, will be completed by May 15, 2001. The Regional Council will be requested to comment on the application on May 23, 2001 before the grant is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 31, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. For possible comment on the Homeless Continuum of Care recommendations.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

14. Federal Fiscal Year 2001 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2001 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (10 minutes)

Each year, MAG conducts a close out process to use the MAG federal funds. These funds are required to be obligated in this fiscal year. For this phase of the close out, approximately \$13.8 million was available, with over \$16 million in project requests received. On April 24, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee recommended projects for the closeout funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. Recommend approving the closeout of Federal FY 2001, as recommended by the Transportation Review Committee at their April 24, 2001 meeting as follows: 1) carry forward the projects listed in Table One; 2) accelerate the new projects and additional funds for projects listed in Table Three; 3) Authorize an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2001 of the TIP; 4) Amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include the additional studies and purchase of street sweepers as shown in Table Four; and 5) Approve adjustments to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as listed in Table Five. Also, to retain the current funding commitments in the State Implementation Plan for street sweepers in FY 2002.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

15. Draft FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (5 minutes)

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the coming year. The purpose of this document is to provide grantors, the MAG staff and the public with the Regional Council's policy direction and fiscal commitments in the agency's regional planning efforts. For FY 2002, the member dues and assessments were adjusted to reflect population growth and inflation. The proposed member dues for FY 2002 total \$167,873. The proposed assessments for FY 2002 total \$359,230. In March 2001, the Draft FY 2002 Work Program was sent to transportation and air quality agencies as part of the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) process. MAG's annual IPG meeting was held on April 17-18, 2001. The Draft FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget will follow in a separate mailing. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

16. Regional Review of General Plans and Amendments (5 minutes)

At the December 2000 Management Committee and January 2001 Regional Council Retreats, there was a consensus to establish a regional review of general plans. This concept was further reviewed at the February and March Executive Committee meetings, and at the April Planners Stakeholders Group meeting. It is envisioned that General plans and amendments would be reviewed for: (1) Consistency with plans and policies adopted by MAG; (2) Consistency with principles contained in Growing Smarter Legislation; (3) Impacts on other local government jurisdictions; (4) Adequacy of regional public facilities to handle effects of the proposed plan and amendment and (5) Consistency with adopted Interim Regional Land Use Policies. A regional review procedure was developed involving a MAG review, involvement of the Planner Stakeholders Group and if necessary, the Management Committee and the Regional Council. An annual report would also be developed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17. Broadening Participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments (10 minutes)

At the Regional Council Retreats in 2000 and 2001, discussion was held regarding broadening participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments. A report has been prepared describing how the business community and adjoining units of local government in the metropolitan area could participate in MAG. If membership by the business community and adjoining units of local government is approved by the Management Committee and Regional Council, the By-Laws changes would be considered at the June meeting of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Recommendation to approve the procedure for the Regional Review of General Plans and Amendments.

17. For information, discussion and recommendation to broaden the participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments by providing for three seats on the Regional Council for membership by the business community and by providing for adjoining units of local government in the metropolitan area to become members of MAG.